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CORRUPTION IN MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any complaints from Public representatives and others regarding corruption in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) Delhi and Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to enquire into the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to weed out corruption from MTNL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Details of complaints received and action taken are indicated in Annexure.

(c) & (d): Wherever needed the cases are enquired into as indicated in Annexure.

(e) A full-fledged Vigilance Wing is functioning in MTNL Delhi and Mumbai. A Vigilance Cell in the Corporate Office is also functioning with full time CVO to look into all vigilance matters.

ANNEXURE-A

Sl.No.	Details of the Complaint	Action taken
1.	Complaint dated 10.7.99 from Bhartiya Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Karamchari Sangh regarding misuse of Government money for personal benefits by DGM(Cash).	Matter has been inquired by CVO MTNL. The allegations were not found to be true.
2.	Complaint dated 21.3.2000 from Dr.Bali Ram, MP(LS) regarding misuse of vehicles in MTNL Delhi and Mumbai.	No specific case of misuse of vehicle had been reported. CGM Delhi and Mumbai had been instructed to keep strict watch regarding misuse of vehicle.
3.	Complaint dated 5.5.2000 from Shri Raghuraj Singh Shakya, MP(RS) regarding irregularities in tendering for procurement of Uniform and Shoes for MTNL Staff.	Preventive action was taken on the basis of the complaint of the Hon`ble M.P. and procurement was subsequently done following open tender process.
4.	Complaint dated 16.5.2000 from Bhartiya Telephone Employees Union Class.III regarding huge commission from Contractors for laying cables and maintenance of faulty cables.	Matter was inquired into. No allegation was proved. However,general instruction issued by GM (Vig.), MTNL Delhi regarding maintenance of proper records for laying of cables and conducting test checks.

5.	Complaint dated Nil from Bhartiya Mahanagar Telephone Karamchari Sangh regarding accident of General Secretary, MTNL Staff Union while using official vehicle etc.	The allegations have been inquired by the CVO MTNL. The matter is under consideration of the Competent Authority.
6.	Complaint dated 23.10.2000 from Dr. Bali Ram, MP(LS) against Shri S.P. Khullar, GM(Trans), MTNL Delhi and Shri Avtar Singh, Chief Acc. Officer regarding irregularities in clearing bills of a black listed company.	The matter was inquired. The allegations were not found to be true. However, on administrative reasons,Sh. Avtar Singh, Chief Accounts Officer was transferred from the office of GM(Trans.).
7.	Complaint dated 11.11.2000 from Shri P.C. Thomas, MP(LS) regarding misuse of ISD/STD lines.	Raids were organized by the Vigilance Wing in coordination with CBI and cases have been registered in cases where misuse had been detected.
8.	Complaint dated nil from Bhartiya Telephone Employees Union Class.III regarding coruption, nepotism, arbitrariness and insubordination prevailing in Legal Cell, MTNL Delhi Unit.	The matter is being examined by the Vigilance Wing, MTNL Delhi.
9.	Complaint dated 5.12.2000 from Dr. Bali Ram, M.P. (LS) regarding alleged irregularities in digging of trenches for laying cables and in distribution of telephone directories in MTNL Mumbai.	CBI has registered a case against 11 officers of MTNL for irregularities in digging of trenches. Regarding irregularities in the distribution of telephone directories disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against the 3 officials involved.
10.	Complaint dated 25.1.2001 from Smt. Toofani Saroj, M.P.(LS) regarding corruption in Gokuldham Exchange, Mumbai.	Matter was inquired. No case of corruption was proved.
11.	Complaint dated 4.2.2001 from Shri Pappu Yadav, M.P.(LS) regarding engaging contractors for trenching/ cable laying by relaxing terms and conditions of tender.	The matter has been inquired.